

REMARKS


Applicant's Election

In response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2005, the Applicant elects to pursue the subject matter of Group II, claims 15 - 23 for prosecution on the merits.

By this response, original claims 1 - 14 have been withdrawn without prejudice to presenting these claims in a divisional or continuation application. In addition, the election of claims 15 - 23 is made with traverse, and Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims 1 - 14, in original or amended form, in view of the later prosecution of this application. Specifically, it is Applicant's position that the claimed inventions are not independent under MPEP § 802.01, that they are related, and that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Applicant requests consideration of the pending claims for allowance.

No extension of time is believed necessary for this response. However, any extension of time which may be required for this response is hereby petitioned. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account Number 13-3250, Order No. 36287-00702.

Respectfully submitted,
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